

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-16 and 18-27 are pending. To expedite issuance of the patent application, claims 1-3, 5-16, 18-21, 26 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice. The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute this claims in another patent application. Claims 22-25 remain the application.

Summary of Conversation with PTO Examiner

The Applicant, through its representative, John C. Gatz, spoke with Examiner Janelle Combs-Morillo on September 8, 2004 to clarify the Office Action of May 19, 2004. First, Examiner Morillo indicated that there was typographical error on page 2 of the Office Action that indicated that claims 1-3, 5-16 and 18-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Examiner Morillo indicated that only claims 1-13, 5-16 and 18-21 were rejected under § 112, first paragraph.

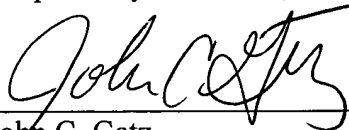
Second, Examiner Morillo indicated that there was another typographical error on page 1 of the Office Action in which claims 22 and 23 were said to be "objected to." Examiner Morillo indicated that claims 22 and 23 were allowed for the reasons stated on page 6 of the Office Action.

Thus, claims 22-25 are allowable as discussed at page 6 of the Office Action.

Since claims 22-25 are the only remaining claims, the applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance; however, if any issues remain to be resolved the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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